

On page 4, line 4, please delete the first occurrence of "separated by."

On page 7, line 16, please delete "21" and insert --23-- in its place.

On page 9, line 19, please delete "potion" and insert --portion-- in its place.

REMARKS

The examiner rejected claims 2 and 3 as failing to have antecedent basis for several terms. Claims 2 and 3 have been amended to use terms that have an antecedent basis.

The examiner objected to claim 1 for using the term "from a from". Claim 1 has been amended to correct this typographical error.

In the Office Action mailed on April 12, 2000, the examiner indicated that claim 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the elements of claims 8 and 10, previously dependent on claim 8, by this Amendment A. Claim 1 has effectively been rewritten to become claim 10 in independent form with all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, claim 1 is now allowable. Since claim 1 is allowable, all claims dependent on claim 1 are allowable. Therefore, dependent claims 2-7 are allowable.

The amendments and cancellations of this Amendment A have not been made to overcome the rejections. The applicant believes that the original claims are patentable over the

cited references. The applicant makes amendments and cancellations to obtain early allowance of the application.

Minor changes have also been made to the specification that corrects typographical errors. These changes do not add new matter to the application.

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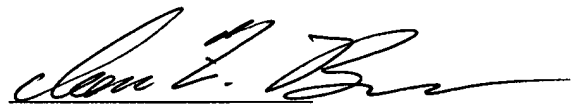
CONCLUSION

For all of the above reasons, the applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the examiner has any questions regarding the application or this response, the examiner is encouraged to call the applicant's attorney, Ian F. Burns, at (775) 825-6066.

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Respectfully submitted,

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